(a) whether Government are aware of the new game plan of Pakistan to isolate Indian Army at the LO

C by cutting the B. C. Road and Jammu Punch Road by occupying important mountain features of these two main highways ; and

(b) if so, the action taken or proposed to be taken thereon to forestall the move ?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES) : (a) Though there are reports of concentration of armed militants in some pockets across the LOC, there are no specific inputs that may suggest the said game plan.

(b) All developments having a bearing on India's national security are constantly monitored and necessary steps are taken from time to time to maintain appropriate preparedness to thwart any attempt of misadventure on the part of our adversaries.

Armed Hostility by Pakistan Across LOC

2764. SHRI P. PRABHAKAR REDDY : Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news-item appearing in the Times of India dated the 11th March, 2000 under the caption "Army expects another hot summer in LOC" ;

(b) if so, Government's reaction thereto ; and

(c) what steps have so far been taken in the light of Subrahmanyam Committee's report to prevent the recurrence of armed hostility by Pakistan across the line of Control ?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES): (a) to (c) Government are aware of the news-item.

All appropriate measures to protect our national security concerns have been taken.

Pension Cases of Defence Personnel

2765. SHRI C. RAMACHANDRAIAH : Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state: